

REPORT OF THE CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

A. REVISION OF THE CONSTITUTION

Introduction

1. The purpose of this report is to recommend changes to the terms of reference of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Bodies set out in Table A of Part 2 of the Council's Constitution.

Background

2. Article 15 of the County Council's Constitution gives the Chief Executive a duty to monitor and review the operation of the Constitution to ensure that the aims and principles of the Constitution are given full effect. It requires that changes to the document should only be approved by the full County Council after consideration of the proposal by the Chief Executive and the Constitution Committee or, in the case of Financial Procedure Rules, Contract Procedure Rules and Members' Code of Conduct, the recommendations of the Corporate Governance Committee.

Review of Scrutiny Arrangements

3. Following the election and the Leader's appointment to his Cabinet the terms of reference of the Council's overview and scrutiny committees have been reviewed to align with the newly appointed Cabinet Lead Member portfolios.
4. The changes made are to reflect that the Leader has appointed a Lead Member for Environment and Flooding and a Lead Member for Highways, Transport and Waste. The Environment and Climate Change and Highway and Transport Overview and Scrutiny Committees have therefore been renamed to reflect this and the functions regarding flood risk and waste management exchanged between the two.
4. In undertaking these changes the Scrutiny Commission terms of reference have been amended to provide clarity regarding property energy efficiency matters, which will now fall within its remit. Reference to the Leicester and Leicestershire Local Enterprise Partnership and the Leicester and Leicestershire Transport Board have also been removed and replaced with the establishment of the Leicester and Leicestershire Business and Skills Partnership.
5. The Adults and Communities and Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committees' terms of reference remain unchanged.
6. There will be consequential amendments to the Constitution arising from the changes now proposed.

Resource Implications

6. There are no resource implications arising from this report.

Equality Implications

7. There are no discernible equality implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

Consideration by the Constitution Committee

8. The Constitution Committee at its meeting on 23 June considered the Revision of the Constitution. The decision of the Constitution Committee is reflected in the motion below.

(Motion to be moved: -

That the proposed changes to the terms of reference of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committees, as set out in the Appendix to this report, and any consequential amendments to the Constitution required as a result of these changes, be approved.)

23 June 2025

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Chairman of the
Constitution Committee

Background Papers

Report of the Chief Executive to the Constitution Committee on 23 June – Revision of the Constitution <https://democracy.leics.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=150>

Appendix

Appendix – Proposed Changes to the Constitution